

REMARKS

In response to the Official Action mailed June 6, 2006, Applicant submits the following amendments and remarks.

Claims 1, 3-5 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated under U.S. Patent No. 4,642,158 to *Steinel, et al.* Claims 12 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious and unpatentable over *Steinel*. In response to this rejection, Applicant has hereby amended claim 1 of the present application to specifically recite that the hand tool is a caulking gun. Claims 19 and 20 as well as claims 2, 6-11 and 13-18 are hereby canceled.

The amendment to claim 1 specifically states that the hand-gun portion of the present application is a caulking gun. This differs from that disclosed in *Steinel* in that *Steinel* is a hot-glue pistol. Although one may surmise that *Steinel* combines a blower with a hot glue-pistol, there is no motivation to combine the blower of *Steinel* with a caulking gun. The hot glue pistol of *Steinel* is adapted for dispensing a hot liquid, such as hot melt glue. The purpose for attaching a hot air blower to the hot glue pistol of *Steinel* is to heat up the surface to which one intends to supposedly hot glue onto, so that the temperature of the receiving surface is somewhat equivalent to the temperature of the glue extruding from the hot glue pistol.

This is contrasted with caulking guns which generally include caulk, which is normally at room temperature or the ambient air temperature. One would not need to heat up a surface so that that surface has a temperature that is equal to the temperature of the caulk being dispensed from the caulking gun because the caulking gun already has a temperature that is somewhat equivalent to the temperature of that surface that is being disposed on as it is usually held within the same room or environment. Thus, Applicant asserts that claims 1, 3-5 and 12 are in condition for allowance and should be deemed patentable.

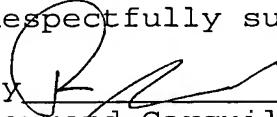
As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Official Action have been fully met, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he/she telephone Applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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